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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: STRENGTH AND SIGNIFICANCE OF POLITICAL
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1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO RECENT INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE
A RELIABLE ESTIMATE OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL STRENGTH OF
CHIEF KAPUUNO AND THE NATIONAL UNITY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZA-
TION (NUDO) WHICH HE HEADS. WE BELIEVE THAT KAPUUNO, RECOG-
NIZED BY MOST HEREROS AS PARAMOUNT CHIEF, HAS CONSIDERABLE
STATURE AND INFLUENCE AMONG THE OLDER, MORE CONSERVATIVE
ELEMENTS OF THE HEREROS. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO JUDGE FROM
HERE WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, THE RECENT SPLIT IN THE NATIONAL
CONVENTION HAS HAD ON KAPUUNO'S NATIONAL STANDING. WE ARE
INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT NUDO AT PRESENT IS ESSENTIALLY A
GROUPING OF KAPUUNO AND HIS ASSOCIATES WITH LITTLE REAL
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2. PRETORIA AND CAPE TOWN MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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